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IN RESPONSE TO CU COMMENTS PROPOSAL, POST
SUBMITS FOLLOWING ASSESSMENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS
CPI PROGRAMS IN YUGOSLAVIA.

1. FLORIDA STATE-BELGRADE UNIVERSITY PROGRAM.
IN EMBASSY'S VIEW, THIS IS ONE OF MOST EFFECTIVE
CPI PROGRAMS. IT IS WELL-ORGANIZED, HIGHLY
REGARDED LOCALLY, AND IN DIRECT SUPPORT TO OVERALL
COUNTRY OBJECTIVES. WE ONLY QUESTION NEED FOR
\$33,000 FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND FEEL THAT
THIS FIGURE MAY BE HIGH. SUGGEST IT COULD BE
REDUCED, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH FSU SPONSOR. IT IS
OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT YUGOSLAV SIDE IS BEARING
SLIGHTLY MORE THAN ONE-THIRD OF PROGRAM COSTS.

2. JOHNS HOPKINS-LJUBLJANA URBAN PLANNING
INSTITUTE. AFTER CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION LOCALLY
AND CONSULTATION WITH PROGRAM DIRECTOR FISHER,
EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THIS PROJECT BE TERMINATED ON
EXPIRATION PRESENT GRANT IN DECEMBER 1975.

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3. UNIVERSITY OF MONTENEGRO PROJECT. EMBASSY CONSIDERS THAT UNTIL NEW UNIVERSITY IS FULLY ORGANIZED, CAN DEFINE NEEDS, SET ITS OWN PRIORITIES, CU FUNDING OF CPI OR OTHER EXCHANGE PROJECT WOULD BE INADVISABLE. HOPEFULLY, AVEC CAN BE OF ASSISTANCE HERE.

4. JOHN HOPKINS, BOLOGNA-INSTITUTE INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND ECONOMICS, BELGRADE UNIVERSITY. THIS MODEST PROGRAM OFFERS AN EFFECTIVE AND INEXPENSIVE MEANS OF GIVING YUGOSLAV STUDENTS AT THIS PRESTIGE INSTITUTE DIRECT CONTACT WITH AMERICAN STUDENTS AND PROFESSORS AND IN TURN PROVIDES FOR VISIT BY AMERICANS FROM BOLOGNA TO BELGRADE. RECOMMENDED FOR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND SMALL INCREASE, BUDGET PERMITTING.

5. MISSISSIPPI STATE-UNIVERSITYIES OF LJUBLJANA AND BELGRADE. AS IT IS PRESENTLY DEFINED, EMBASSY CONSIDERS THIS PROGRAM AN EFFECTIVE SUPPORT OF OUR OBJECTIVES. WE RECOMMEND REDUCED 1975 GRANT OF \$4,800 BUT WILL PROBABLY REQUEST SLIGHTLY LARGER AMOUNT NEXT YEAR IF PROGRAM'S NEW GOALS AND OBJECTIVES JUSTIFY CONTINUED SUPPORT.

6. UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA-LUBLJANA UNIVERSITY. EMBASSY ENDORSES CU'S APPROVAL OF THIS \$8,500 PROGRAM WHICH EXPIRES IN DECEMBER 74. BEFORE ANY EXTENSION OF GRANT IS APPROVED, POST WOULD LIKE TO SEE FIRM STATEMENT OF PROGRAM OBJECTIVES AND CLEARLY DEFINED DATES FOR TERMINATION OF PROJECT.

7. POST CONCURS WITH DEPARTMENT'S RECOMMENDATION TO CANCEL PROJECT WITH THE AMERICAN GEOGRAPHERS ASSOCIATION.
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